

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



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Applicant(s): F. Andrew UBEL et al.

Group Art Unit: 3728

Serial No.: 09/551,706

Examiner: T. Arnold

Confirmation No.:

Docket No.: 55019 USA 1A

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR PACKAGING AND STORING MOISTURE-SENSITIVE PRODUCTS IN RESEALABLE POUCHES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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A certified copy of a ___ application, Serial No. ___, filed ___, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Other: Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.).

Amendment ___ No Additional fee is required. ___ The fee has been calculated as shown:

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Total Claims				x \$18 =	
Independent Claims				x \$80 =	
One or More New Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Add \$270 Here →					
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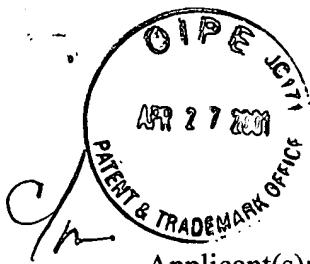
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated 22 March 2001, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-46), drawn to an apparatus for containing a product. Further, Applicants elect species I (Figures 1-11). Claims 1-23, 25-33, and 38-46 are believed to be generic.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby

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